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Chronology

1950

- May President Truman personally selects Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith to be DCI, vice Admiral Hillenkoetter. Smith begs off on grounds of ill health. (He was facing a serious operation for a stomach ulcer. If he recovered well from that, he intended to retire from the Army and to seek a remunerative position in industry or the presidency of a university.)
- Jun Admiral Hillenkoetter asks to be reassigned to duty at sea.
- 25 Jun North Korean forces invade South Korea.
- 27 Jun President Truman commits US naval and air forces in defense of South Korea.
- 30 Jun President Truman commits US ground forces in South Korea.
- Aug Smith recovers well from operation. President Truman induces him to accept appointment as DCI in a time of national peril.
- Aug Smith persuades William Harding Jackson to accept appointment as DDCI.
- 18 Aug The White House announces Smith's appointment to be DCI. Smith announces that Jackson will be DDCI.
- 28 Aug The Senate confirms Smith's appointment to be DCI.
- 29 Aug At Smith's request (23 August), Lawrence Houston, CIA General Counsel, provides him with a comprehensive review of the problems confronting CIA.

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28 Dec The Watch Committee of the IAC is established.

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25X1A Jan [REDACTED]

2 Jan Allen Dulles officially assumes duties as DDP. 25X1A

25X1A 4 Jan [REDACTED] designated ADSS, vice [REDACTED]

4 Jan Max Millikan designated ADPR, vice Babbitt; enters on duty 15 January.

8 Jan Smith submits to the NSC a proposed revision of NSC 10/2 (NSC 10/3, "Covert Operations and Clandestine Intelligence Activities").

15 Jan The Office of Special Services is redesignated Office of Current Intelligence.

16 Jan William Jackson, Acting DCI, submits NSC 10/4, "Responsibilities of CIA (OPC) with Respect to Guerrilla Warfare."

25X1C 29 Jan [REDACTED]

1 Feb Smith requests access to JCS papers and cables for the information and guidance of DDP and ONE.

8 Feb JCS refuses to release US military information to the DCI.

9 Feb Executive Registry established.

14 Feb Allen Dulles (DDP) holds meeting on "the integration of OSO and OPC" (which was at this time contrary to Smith's policy).

25X1A 15 Feb Major General W. G. Wyman enters on duty as ADSO, [REDACTED]